

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated August 14, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 38-57 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-13, 34, 36 and 38 are canceled herein, without prejudice. The Applicants respectfully reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein, either at a later time during the prosecution of this application or any continuing applications. Claims 38-57 are added by this amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for acknowledging the claim for priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

In the Office Action, the title is indicated as not being sufficiently descriptive. In response, the current title has been deleted and substituted with a new title which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the title is now in proper form and an indication to that effect is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the abstract is objected to for not setting forth the nature and gist of the invention. In response, the current Abstract has been deleted and substituted with a New Abstract. It is respectfully submitted that the New Abstract sets forth the nature and gist of the present invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the Abstract is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, it is indicated that a drawing is required to facilitate an understanding of the present invention. In response, a New drawing sheet including new FIGs. 1, 2 is enclosed. Further, the specification has been amended for conformance with the new FIGs. 1, 2. Consideration and approval of the enclosed proposed new drawings is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, guidelines for the specification including headings are provided. Applicants respectfully decline to add the headings since the section headings may be inappropriately utilized in interpreting the claimed subject matter.

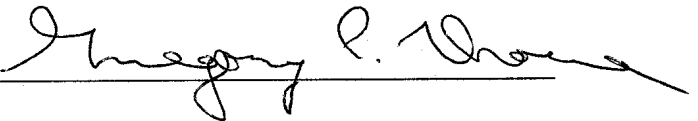
Claims 1-2, 5, 8, 10-11, 13, 34 and 36 are objected to for informalities. It is respectfully submitted that the cancellation herein of claims 1-13, 34, 36 and 38 renders this objection to the

claims moot. New claims 39-57 are presented herein, in proper U.S. form. These new claims are not being provided to address issues of patentability and all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents are respectfully reserved. With the above-noted changes, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in proper form and accordingly, consideration and allowance of claims 39-57 is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: New drawing sheet (1 sheet including FIGs. 1, 2)

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